**St Joseph’s Pastoral Council Minutes**

**7th June 2016**

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| **Date of meeting** | **16/09/14** | **18/11/14** | **3/2/15** | **2/6/15** | **8/9/15** | **24/11/15** | **23/2/16** | **7/6/16** |
| **Fr Jim Duggan** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Chris McLaughlin** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** |
| **Veronica Dowling** | **P** |  | **P** | **P** | **A** | **A** | **P** | **P** |
| **John Seenan** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **Resigned** |
| **Bridie LaCombre** | **A** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** |
| **Alison Macdonald** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** |
| **Paul Graham** | **P** |  |  |  |  | **Resigned** |  |  |
| **Pat Hassett** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Aisling Connelly** |  | **P** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Angela Gow** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** |
| **Emma Merriman** | **A** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **Leave of absence** |
| **Maureen Cumming** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **P** | **A** | **P** | **A** |
| **Jonathon Cumming** | **A** | **A** | **A** |  | **A** |  |  | **A** |
| **P = present A = apologies submitted** |

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|  | **Decade of the rosary and prayer for priests** | **Actions** |
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|  | **Attendance and apologies/resignations** | **Actions** |
|  | See table on page 1Veronica advised that she has tendered her resignation to Fr JimPat thanked Veronica for her support over many yearsThe PC offered their condolences to Fr Jim following his bereavementThe PC offered their congratulations to Emma on the birth of Rose |  |
|  | **Minutes of the last meeting** | **Actions** |
|  | Proposed: Pat HassettSeconded: Bridie LaCombre |  |
|  | **Matters arising** | **Actions** |
|  |  **St Ninian’s art work –** as exams are now completed this will be followed up**Action: Ali to contact St Ninians regarding help with images for** **Children’s liturgy cards** **Bereavement support training:** No further training on bereavement support has been scheduled. Angela has been advised she will be contacted when this is planned **Finance committee –** to be progressed by Fr Jim after the summer**Action: carry forward finance committee to next meeting** **Lenten Penitential Service –** Pat thanked Angela for organising this  | **AMacd****PH** |
|  | **Update on Diocesan Synod** | **Actions** |
|  | A number of parishioners are involved in the process from Parish of St Joseph’s, including representation of the Pastoral Council, the parish and specific groups such as Justice and Peace. * 4 sessions have been held to date.
* A handbook has been issued to members, and preparation reading is required prior to each session
* 17 discussion groups at each session with 6 or 7 members to address questions related to the topic of the week. The opportunity to share across parishes provides a diversity of experience and examples of good practice. Pat cited the work of parents in prayer as an example of a developmental approach to parish activities.
* Members will vote on issues raised during the sessions, for example the requirement for a programme of formation for the Diocese

The PC had a wide ranging discussion about the Synod, its purpose and ability to demonstrate impact. Concern was voiced about the representativeness of participants, the formality of language used, the importance of ongoing effective communication and whether the Synod will be able to address the concerns of parishioners.The PC acknowledged that it has been a serious attempt to engage parishioners and it should provide an opportunity for the findings to have an impact on the running of the Diocese, shape local policy and improve consistency. The importance of communication and ongoing feedback was discussed to ensure that parishioners are aware of the work of the synod and feel engaged in the process, and understand the contribution of our parish and what the Synod will mean for us. Following the first 2 sessions, a brief overview was produced by the Dioscese and handouts were available in the porch. It was suggested that those representing the parish at the Synod could give short presentations to the congregation on the activities of the Synod. A report presenting the findings of the Synod will be issued at its conclusion. A summary of key findings will also be developed to improve accessibility. |  |
|  | **Parish survey responses** | **Actions** |
|  | A written review of the findings from the survey has been put on hold because of capacity as the parishioner who had volunteered to do this is leaving the parish. It was agreed that a more detailed report is not necessary given the information produced for the Open Day but that this needs to be shared so those who participated are aware of the actions to be taken as a consequence. The findings will be reviewed in light of the outcome from the Synod. **Action: Pat will follow up with Emma regarding having the pie charts uploaded to the website with a brief paragraph of introduction.** | **PH** |
|  | **Plan for coming year** | **Actions** |
|  |  **Activities: dates agreed**Healing Mass: Sunday 18th Sept 2016Mass in celebration of marriage: Fri 18th NovMass for those who have been bereaved: Fri 4th NovThe PC discussed if there was a requirement to plan for the Ordination of Pat Dougan in the Autumn. Fr Jim was uncertain if this will take place in St Joseph’s or in Paisley, and will confirm this at the next meeting.**Action: Fr Jim to clarify the place of ordination and if local arrangments are required**Fr Jim advised of the annual Mass for those who have been affected by miscarriage and stillbirth and asked that a note of this be placed in the Bulletin**Action: Pat will send information on Mass to Fr Jim**The next Adult Formation sessions by Fr Robert Barron, Catholisism, the pivotal players, will be available in the autumn.  | **Fr J****PH** |
|  | **Recruitment** | **Actions** |
|  | There was a discussion about the need for more members to join the PC to ensure it remains viable. As a first step, a notice will be placed in the bulletin to advise parishioners however it was acknowledged that this will not be sufficient.The possibility of a post-synod meeting involving a presentation of its findings was discussed as a way of demonstrating the role of the PC and its contribution to ensuring the key messages from the Synod are reinforced through the work of the parish**Action: Pat will place a note in the bulletin to alert parishioners to the shortage of PC members.** | **PH** |
|  | **AoB** | **Actions** |
|  | There was a discussion about further improvements to the bulletin. The lower hall is to be painted whiteThe St Joseph’s website needs to have PC contacts and details updated**Action: Pat will follow up with Chris to update the PC details on the St Joseph’s website**  | **PH** |
|  | **DoNM** | **Actions** |
|  |  **Thursday 22nd September 2016 7.30pm** |  |
| **12.** | **Closing prayer** | **Actions** |
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| **Action table** |
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